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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Jef DE BRABANDER, et al.

Title: SYNTHESIS OF PELORUSIDE A AND ANALOGS  
THEREOF FOR USE AS ANTITUMOR AGENTS

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Examiner: Amelia A. Owens

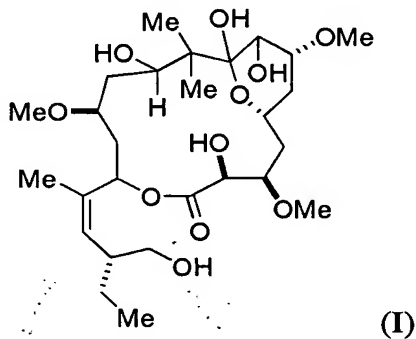
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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed September 8, 2005, Applicants provisionally elect for prosecution Group I (Claims 1-12, 14, 17, and 24-27, drawn to compounds where X is oxygen, compositions comprising the compounds, methods of using the compounds, and methods of preparing the compounds). In response to the further requirement for an election of species, Applicants elect the compound of Formula I as disclosed in the specification at page 3, paragraph 7 and shown below:



Applicants reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications to pursue non-elected matter.

Please note that claims 15 and 16 are not included in any of the restriction groups. Applicants believe, however, that claims 15 and 16 belong in Group I, because both claims are drawn to methods of using the compounds classified in Group I. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner classify claims 15 and 16 in Group I or explain why the claims fall under a different group.

Prompt and favorable action on the merits of the application also is now requested. Should the examiner feel that a telephone interview is warranted, she is invited to contact the undersigned at the number below.

Respectfully submitted,

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